Class of 2020! Congratulations and Welcome Home! As president of St. A’s Alumni Council and as a fellow Alum, I am so happy to be with you today and to be able to share a heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the entire Alumni Association.

When I graduated in… well, too long ago for me to admit to this crowd – I could not have fully appreciated how much my time here on campus would come to mean to me. The people I met, the work ethic, the values instilled in me and in all Anselmians – have stayed with me and formed the foundation of my personal and professional life.

When you hear Alumni call this place their home years and years after graduation – they mean it – and you’ll feel it too. Whether its returning to campus for an in-person Commencement, finally, or for Homecoming, a Reunions weekend or just for quick stop to see a favorite professor, staff member, or one of the monks, or by attending local events with fellow Alums, and keeping up on campus happenings by following the school and the alumni association on social media. You already know what I am talking about.

No matter how you choose to do it, I urge you to stay connected to the college, visit when you can, stay involved, and give back if you’re able – mentor those up and coming Anselmians – lend an ear, provide guidance and support – it’s what we Alumni do. You are one of us, and we are here for you.--together we are Anselmians. Never hesitate to reach out and talk to an Alum – there’s more than 22,000 of us – and it’s amazing what those kinds of connections can accomplish.

Last year, I inducted you virtually into the Alumni Association so today, I simply wish you a happy one-year anniversary Alums!

Congratulations and good luck to all of you.